

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for generating a portable document format (PDF) representation of a book, comprising the steps of:
generating plural PDF pages corresponding to respective pages of the book wherein the PDF pages ~~comprise~~ have content areas of text or graphics or both and non-content areas surrounding the content areas;
removing from all of the PDF pages, the non-content areas to generate plural cropped PDF pages of the content areas on the PDF pages;
selecting a feature ~~of~~ on the cropped PDF pages common to all of the cropped PDF pages; and
preventing an appearance of page jumping between succeeding pages in the PDF representation of the book by aligning, in the PDF representation of the book, the selected feature of on all of the cropped PDF pages to facilitate avoiding an appearance of page jumping in the PDF representation of the book, whereby when one browses through a number of succeeding pages in the PDF representation of the book they will not appear to jump around from page to page.
2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the selected feature is a corner of the content ~~of the pages~~ area on each one of the cropped PDF pages.
3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein ~~at least one of the page~~ PDF pages ~~comprises~~ have text ~~content~~ and image content and border space and the cropped PDF pages ~~comprise~~ have bounding areas enclosing the text and image content and excluding the border space.
4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the non-content ~~portions~~ areas of the PDF pages ~~correspond to~~ have white space ~~comprising the~~ that borders around the content areas and which is removed by cropping the PDF pages to generate cropped PDF pages.
5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising ~~the step of selecting one or more subsets of PDF pages of grouping~~ pages from the book into plural subsets and performing the ~~steps of claim 1 on the selected subset(s)~~ alignment step of claim 1 automatically and/or by manual intervention.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6 wherein ~~the selected subset(s) include odd and even pages~~ one subset has odd page numbers and another subset has even page numbers.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7 10 wherein ~~a~~ the common feature ~~for each subset~~ is a header or footer.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8 10 wherein the common feature is the page number.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the ~~common~~ feature common to all of the cropped PDF pages is automatically selected.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of displaying the cropped PDF pages as with the selected feature on all of the cropped PDF pages aligned.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of printing the ~~aligned PDF pages~~ representation of the book with the selected feature on all of the cropped PDF pages aligned.

15. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising the steps of:

- selecting one or more subset(s) of PDF pages;
- previewing one of the PDF pages of the selected subset(s);
- placing a first cursor on a feature of the content of the previewed PDF page to select the feature; and
- aligning other PDF pages in the subset(s) to the location of the selected feature.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15 further comprising the steps of:

- previewing other PDF pages of the subset(s);
- placing a second cursor on ~~the corresponding~~ a feature corresponding to the selected feature in the other ~~displayed~~ previewed PDF pages;
- displaying the location of the first cursor on the other previewed PDF pages; and
- moving the content area of the ~~displayed~~ other previewed PDF pages to align the second cursor to the first cursor.

17. (Currently Amended) A method for generating and printing a portable document format (PDF) representation of a book, comprising the steps of:

- scanning ~~the~~ successive pages of the book to create plural PDF pages wherein the PDF pages ~~comprise~~ have content areas of text or graphics or both and non-content areas surrounding the content areas;
- removing the non-content areas on the PDF pages to generate plural cropped PDF pages of the content areas on the PDF pages ~~of the book~~;
- selecting a feature ~~of~~ on the cropped PDF pages common to all of the cropped PDF pages;
- preventing an appearance of page jumping between succeeding pages in the PDF representation of the book by aligning, in the PDF representation of the book, the selected feature ~~of~~ on all of the cropped PDF

~~pages to facilitate avoiding an appearance of page jumping in the PDF representation of the book; and~~

printing the PDF representation of the book after the aligning step, whereby when one browses through a number of succeeding pages in the printed book the succeeding pages will not appear to jump around from page to page.

18. (Original) The method of claim 17 wherein the selected feature is a corner of the content of the pages.

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Cancelled)

24. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~23~~ 17 wherein ~~a~~ the common feature for each subset is a header or footer.

25. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~24~~ 17 wherein the common feature is the page number.

26. (Cancelled)

27. (Cancelled)

28. (Cancelled)

29. (Cancelled)

30. (Cancelled)

31. (Cancelled)

32. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for generating and printing a portable document format (PDF) representation of a book, comprising:

a scanner for scanning ~~the~~ successive pages of the book to create plural PDF pages wherein the PDF pages ~~comprise~~ have content areas of text or graphics or both and non-content areas surrounding the content areas;

a software program for operating on the PDF pages to remove the non-content areas, to generate plural cropped PDF pages of the content areas on the PDF pages ~~of the book~~;

means for selecting a feature ~~of~~ on the cropped PDF pages common to all of the cropped PDF pages;

a software program for preventing an appearance of page jumping between succeeding pages in the PDF representation of the book by aligning, in the PDF representation of the book, the selected feature of on all of the cropped PDF pages to facilitate avoiding an appearance of page jumping in the PDF representation of the book; and

a printing device for printing the ~~aligned~~ PDF representation of the book with the selected feature on all of the cropped PDF pages aligned via the software program, whereby when one browses through a number of succeeding pages in the PDF representation of the book they will not appear to jump around from page to page.

33. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 32 wherein the selected feature is a corner of the content ~~of the pages~~ area on each one of the cropped PDF pages.

34. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 32 wherein ~~at least one of the page~~ PDF pages ~~comprises~~ have text ~~content~~ and image content and border space and the cropped PDF pages ~~comprise~~ have bounding areas enclosing the text and image content and excluding the border space.

35. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 32 wherein the non-content ~~portions~~ areas of the PDF pages correspond to have white space comprising the ~~that~~ borders around the content areas and which is removed by cropping the PDF pages to generate cropped PDF pages.

36. (Cancelled)

37. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 32 further comprising means for ~~selecting one or more subsets of PDF pages of grouping~~ pages from the book into plural subsets and performing the ~~steps of PDF claim 17 on the selected subset(s)~~ alignment step of claim 17 automatically and/or by manual intervention.

38. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 37 wherein ~~the selected subset(s) include odd and even pages~~ one subset has odd page numbers and another subset has even page numbers.

39. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of ~~claims 38~~ claim 32 wherein a common feature for each subset is a header or footer.

40. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim ~~39~~ 32 wherein the common feature is the page number.

41. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 32 wherein the ~~common~~ feature common to all of the cropped PDF pages is automatically selected.

42. (Cancelled)

43. (Cancelled)

44. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 32 further comprising means for displaying the cropped PDF pages as with the selected feature on all of the cropped PDF pages aligned.

45. (Cancelled)